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Our Calling, The Priesthood

By Elder Kay L. Crabtree

Elder Crabtree

"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw two brethern, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagagues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease among the people."[1] "He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."[2]

Jesus called together all his followers and from them he chose twelve whom he ordained to the apostleship and said unto them, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go forth and bring forth fruit."[3] And so the Church of Jesus Christ was established upon the earth with twelve apostles as its foundation. Men who were ordained to the Priesthood and given the authority to act in the name of God. Men who had been called to go forth into the world preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and baptizing those who believed.

After the death of our Lord, the apostles went forth with great power in declaring the gospel. So great was the authority which they held that even the devils recognized it and were subject unto it; death could not hold its victims from them and sickness fled at their command.

The harvest was truly great, the field was ready for reaping, but the labourers were few and so there were ordained evangelists, pastors and teachers, "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry and for the edifying of the body of Christ."[5] All of them being endowed with the Priesthood and authority to act in God's name. Authority to cause devils to tremble, angels to descend and men to wonder; powers given to man by God to whomsoever he may choose. For it is written: "And let no man take this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God as was Aaron."[5]

But let us not forget the great event which took place when Christ visited his other sheep, those of his fold who were living upon the Western Continent. They also had an equal right to the gospel of Jesus Christ, for they, too, were sons and daughters of Abraham. Let us look into the book of their prophets and see the tender mercies which our Lord gives to those who love him. "And the Lord said unto Nephi, I give unto you power that ye shall baptize this people when I am again ascended into heaven. And again the Lord called others, and said unto them likewise; and he gave unto them power to baptize . . ."[6]

Christ sent them forth to preach His gospel declaring to the people that the Kingdom was nigh at hand and that they should seek it. With great power they went forth casting out devils, healing the sick and raising the dead; showing forth their authority given to them by Christ.

Who does the Lord call to hold His Priesthood? Is it given to the scholars of the day, to the princes of the court, to the goveners of the land, or is it given to all men who prove themselves worthy of it? Paul said, concerning those who Christ calls "For ye see your calling, brethren, how

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The Church . . .

AROUND THE WORLD

SERVICEMEN PREACH TO THE WORLD. "Go ye into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature . . ."

Unable to go on regular missions for the Church, thousands of faithful Church members—sent by the armed forces into almost "all the world"—are combining service to country with service to God as they teach their fellow servicemen about the Restored Gospel.

And whenever even two or three are stationed together, they soon get the conference spirit and begin to meet together, bear testimony to each other of the protecting hand of the Lord over them, and to teach each other the dictrines of the kingdom.

From Korea, Japan, Europe, the islands of the sea, camps in all parts of the United States, come reports of duly performed and authorized convert baptisms, of conference sessions held, of faith promoting stories recited.

SPECIAL TESTIMONY MEETING HELD BY POCATELLO JR. SUNDAY SCHOOL. Pocatello, Idaho.—An outstanding record of participation and attendance has been achieved by the Fifth Ward, West Pocatello Stake.

One of the features of the Junior Sunday School of which the officers and teachers are most proud is the enthusiastic participation by the young Church members in a special testimony-bearing session. The Sunday School has an average attendance of approximately 150 children, with 15 officers and teachers. On each fast Sunday, before a microphone ideally placed for the small testimony bearers, an average of 35 to 40 of the children bear their testimonies, each waiting in line for his turn. With the loudspeaker, even the smallest child can be heard.

The small rostrum and microphone are put to good use every Sunday for the 2½-minute talks and other parts by the children, and are also handy for presenting special programs at Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas.

GROWTH OF LDS CHURCH DOUBLES NATIONAL FIGURE. Growth in membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the 24-year period from 1926-50 was nearly twice the national average it was disclosed in a report released in the "New York Times" written by George Dugan.

Growth of the Church is given as 105 per cent. as compared with the national average of 59.8 per cent.

"Membership rolls of the 67 larger religious bodies in the United States," Mr. Dugan writes, "increased from 53,397,575 to 85,319,274 in the 24-year period between 1926 and 1950, it was shown in a statistical report prepared by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA.

"In a breakdown, according to the three major faiths, Protestantism showed increases totalling 63.7 per cent.; Roman Catholicism, 59.9 per cent., and Judaism, 22.5 per cent."

This month's cover is a reproduction of a photograph of the "DROMEDARIS" sailing into Table Bay

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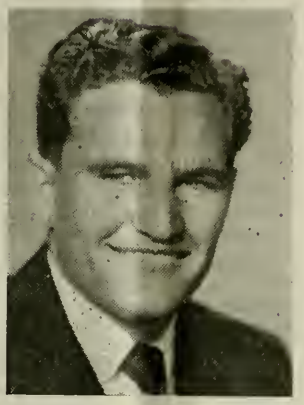
Departures . . . .

Elder Hoggan



Elder Miller

Elder Peck

Seven more Elders have completed missions and are now on their way to their homes in the United States and Canada. All of these young men have served faithfully and the people of South Africa will miss them very much. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be with them in their future lives.

Elders Walter L. Hoggan, Leo D. Miller and Gary C. Peck received their honorable releases on the 28th of March, 1952 and on the same day sailed for home aboard the "Edinburgh Castle."

Elder Hoggan laboured in Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, the Genealogical Office and back to Durban where he finished off his mission.

Elder Miller laboured in Bloemfontein, Bellville, C.P., Bulawayo, S.R. (where he served as Supervising Elder) and the Cape District also serving as the Supervising Elder.

Elder Peck laboured in Fish Hoek, C.P., Devil's Peak, C.P., Johannesburg, Salisbury S.R., Umtali, S.R., and East London, C.P. where he was the Branch President of the East London Branch.

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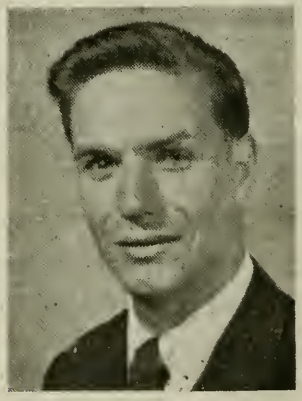

Elder Dutson

Elder Rasmussen

On the 11th of April, 1952 Elders Richard L. Dutson and Lyle Rasmussen were honorably released and sailed for home aboard the "Cape Town Castle."

Elder Dutson laboured in Vereeniging, Crosby and Kensington of the Transvaal District and Bulawayo, S.R.

Elder Rasmussen laboured in Pinelands, C.P., Van der Bijl Park, Tvl. and East London, C.P.

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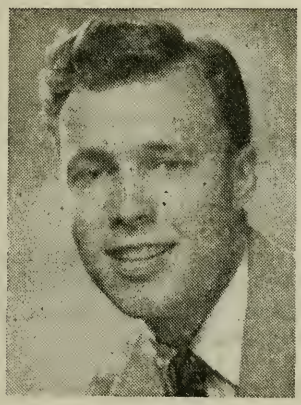
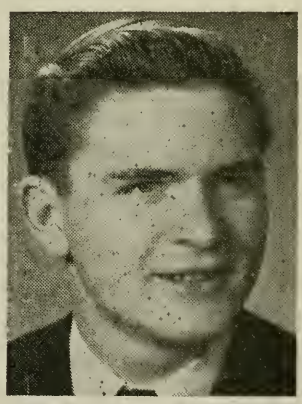
The "Pretoria Castle" pulled out of Table Bay on the afternoon of April 25, 1952 and two of its happiest passengers were Elders George L. "Vern" Albright and Dimar G. Hogan. They were honorably released on that same day.

Elder Albright laboured in Orange Grove and Southern Suburbs of the Transvaal District, Salisbury, S.R. (where he served as the Supervising Elder), The Mission Office as Mission Historian and Associate Editor of the C.S.M., and the Transvaal District as the Supervising Elder.

Elder Hogan laboured in Mowbray, C.P. Springs, Tvl., Bulawayo, S.R., Pretoria, Tvl. (where he served as the Pretoria Branch President), Florida, Tvl., The Mission Office as the Mission Secretary and Northern Rhodesia as the Supervising Elder.



Elder Albright



Elder Hogan

Arrivals . . .

The following Elders arrived aboard the "Athlone Castle" on April 24, 1952:

Name	From	Assigned To:
Elder Grant E. Olson	Pocatello, Idaho, U.S.A.	Sea Point, C.P.
Elder Lowell D. Wood	Glenwood, Alberta. Canada	Transvaal District.

RECIPE

Submitted by Elder Rodney T. Clark

Apple Sauce Cake

4 tablespoons fat
1 cup sugar
2 eggs (1 egg and 1 egg yolk)
1 cup warm apple sauce
pinch of salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1¾ cup flour (about)
1 teaspoon soda.

Method:

Cream fat and sugar. Add rest of ingredients. Mix well. Bake in loaf pan 40 minutes.Temperature between 350 degrees and 375 degrees.

Seven Minute Icing

To go with Apple Sauce Cake

¾ cup sugar
1 egg white (from apple sauce cake recipe)
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
3 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon vanilla.

Method:

Cook over hot water in top of double boiler and beat with egg beater until it holds a peak. Add vanilla and cool.

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that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."[7]

President Joseph F. Smith said, "We would like the world to understand, the great fact that it is not the prominent leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; that wield all the influence among the people of this Church. We want it understood that we have fewer lay members in this Church, in proportion to the number of our membership, than you will find in any other church upon the globe. Nearly every man in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints holds the Melchizedek or the Aaronic Priesthood, and may act in an official capacity by authority of that Priesthood whenever called upon to do so."[8]

Peter speaking to the Church in his day said, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the

Basket Ball in the Transvaal

By Mary Stark

On Saturday, the 19th of April, Johannesburg basketball fans gathered at the Youth Centre to watch four teams battle for the coveted Basketball Cup. Play got underway at 6 p.m. with a game between the Mormon's Blue and Yellow Teams. The star of this game was Elder Garth Hall who scored the most individual points.

In the second game of the evening the newly organized Youth Centre Team matched their skill with the Pretoria Technical College Team and became the victors by a score of 46 to 27.

After a break for refreshments the main game of the evening commenced. The Mormons played the Youth Centre for the championship. The scoring was fast and Elder Kay Crabtree earned the most points for his team by nimbly dodging in and out of the other players. In spite of minor injuries sustained by Elder Delos Ellsworth and Alec Provich the Mormon team piled on the points to win by a score of 61 to 34.

In presenting the Cup to the winning team, the Secretary of the Youth Centre congratulated the L.D.S. boys on their skill and sportsmanship and invited them to return again.

The spectators were treated to some typical American cheering led by Elder Eugene Holman assisted by Leonora Newell. After the games Elder Delos Ellsworth took over the task of calling for Square Dancing and the evening ended in the dancing mood.

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praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into this mavellous light."[9]

We who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ, and have been chosen by God to hold His Priesthood must always bear in mind the calling that is ours. We have upon our shoulders the same Priesthood that was given by Christ to His servants in the days of old, the same Priesthood which Stephen held when he died defending the faith. The same Priesthood which Father Abraham held when he was upon the earth.

Men holding the Priesthood in this age are empowered to bind on earth and it shall be bound in heaven, and to loose on earth and it shall be loosed in heaven. The words of men spoken in the exercise of that power become the words of the Lord, and the law of God unto the people, scripture and divine command. It is therefore not good that the Latter-day Saints should treat lightly this sacred principle of authority which has been revealed from the heavens in this dispensation. It is the authority by which the Lord Almighty governs His people, and by which in time to come, He will govern the nations of the world.

We as members of the Piesthood are under the requirement to keep ourselves fully fit to possess and exercsie the power of the Priesthood. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord."[10]

"See that ye love one another; cease to be covetous; learn to impart one to another as the gospel requires. Cease to be idle; cease to be unclean; cease to find fault one with another; cease to sleep longer than is needful; retire to thy bed early, that ye may not be weary; arise early, that your bodies and your minds may be invigorated. And above all things, clothe yourselves with the bond of charity, as with a mantle, which is the bond of perfectness and peace. Pray always, that ye may not faint, until I come. Behold, and lo, I will come quickly, and receive you unto myself. Amen."[11]

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[1] Matt. 4:18-23.
[2] Matt. 7:29.
[3] John 15:16.
[4] Ephesians 4:11-12.
[5] Heb. 5:4.
[6] 3 Nephi 11:21.
[7] 1. Cor. 1:26-27.
[8] Gospel Doctrine page 158.
[9] 1 Peter 2:9.
[10] D & C 38:42.
[11] D & C 88: 123-126.

Elder Jones

Will You Left

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MANY hundreds of years ago the great prophet Isaiah forsaw the coming of the Saviour. Of the manner in which He would be accepted he said, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. And we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."[1] That prophecy was literally fulfilled when the Saviour came in the flesh and laboured among men. The people turned their faces from him and went their own way. They rejected him as they rejected His teachings.

He was grieved and disappointed at the inhabitants of Jerusalem because they wouldn't accept his message of eternal life. One day as He viewed the great Capital City he said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."[2]

Those people were stubborn, wilful, and selfish. They would not obey the divine truths He had given them. They turned their backs to him, each one going his own way.

At the beginning of His ministry He had healed their sick, cast out devils, cleansed the lepers (on one occasion He healed 10 an only one returned to show gratitude), and raised their dead. He fed them by the thousands in a miraculous manner. When He asked them to keep His commandments the crowds vanished. He wanted to bless them but because of their hard heartedness they fled, so their house was left unto them desolate.

The Man of Galilee was betrayed by his friends and crucified. Still He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Then three days after he had given up the ghost he took up His body, "as the first fruits of them that slept," that all men might have the privilege of eternal life, according to their works. He took upon Himself the iniquity of us all.

Today, over nineteen centuries after His ignominious death, myriads of people are saying, "What good is Christianity—what has it done for the human race? Many wars have been fought, lives have been taken and much blood has been shed. There has been persecution, suffering, and heart aches but what good has it done"?

Let us analyze. Who is at fault? Is God to blame . . or is man? Are the doctrines and the principles of Christianity false? Have they been tested? Or is man too weak to test them?

Throughout the countless ages of man's existence there has been controversy concerning the relationship between God and man. Some have wondered if there was a God and if he directed the destiny of man. God has always been with man, but man has not always been with God. God has been counseling and advising his children, from the time of creation and the populating of this earth, through prophets raised up for that purpose but still there have been differences. People have been carnal, sensual, devilish, they have been suspicious of one another. There was con-

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troversy among the associates of Christ. People have not believed what the prophets of God have told them nor have they been willing to investigate their teachings. They have not been willing to do as Philip told Nathanael. Jesus had gone forth to call his twelve disciples who were to be special witnesses of him. Among the others of the twelve, the Lord chose Philip of Bethsaida. He said unto Philip, "come and follow me." Philip did follow him and rejoiced that he had found the man who had the words of eternal life. He went to Cana of Galilee and found Nathanael, his friend, who was sitting under a fig tree. Philip said to Nathanael, "we have found him, of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth." Nathanael had been swayed by the teachings and the traditions of men for he said, "can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip beckoned him to come and see. Nathaniel did go and see. He investigated and was convinced when he said unto Jesus of Nazareth, "Thou are the Son of God."

How many people are willing to investigate the teachings of Jesus Christ today? To investigate intelligently in an unbiased manner? After they have investigated, how many are willing to accept those truths and apply them in their lives? The Saviour said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

In this materialistic world . . . a world that suffers from political corruption, crime, industrial strife and disunity, boastful intolerant nationalism; a world that is so materially affected by the conflicts between tyranny and freedom, between atheism and religion, is there not a need for a spiritual regeneration? The world is sick and in dire need of repentance. It needs more spirituality; less selfishness and vanity.

Thomas A. Edison once said of Steinmetz, "that he had the greatest mind of any American." On his deathbed, Steinmetz, with his students about him, said, "Most of our discoveries have been of the material world, but the discoveries of tomorrow will be of the spirit." That may be true. Perhaps we shall witness new powers upon the earth that will be of the spirit but those new powers and discoveries will be subsequent to a greater degree of spirituality.

The trend of the world today is not in the direction of spirituality. Humility is not looked upon as a virtue but as a handicap that must be overcome to enable us to enjoy the gaity and merriment of the crowd. Prayer is only used as a means of last resort when we fall helpless in the realms of despair. Religion is anachronous and out of place with the present generation. Materialism is the master; God is subservient.

The Lord must be disappointed at our disobedience today as he was at the inhabitants of Jerusalem. If we could know His feelings today would they be like this? "O ye inhabitants of the earth, how oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens and ye would not." The blessings of God are offered to each of us but each one goes his own way. We are wilful and stubborn. We reject Him when we refuse to obey Him.

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Transfers . . .

Elder Wayne J. Mendenhall was transferred from Salisbury, S.R. to Bulawayo, S.R. on the 19th of April, 1952 to labour with Elder R. L. Wilson.

Elder Donald M. Cole was transferred from Sea Point, Cape District to Salisbury, S.R. on the 17th of April, 1952 to labour with Elder Bruce R. Peterson.

Elder Richard B. Murray was transferred from Bulawayo, S.R. to the Transvaal District on the 22nd of April, 1952.

Elder Eugene R. Holman was transferred from Germiston to Malvern East within the Transvaal District on the 26th of April, 1952, to labour with Elder Lowell D. Wood.

Elders Gordon P. Owen and Berton E. Johnson moved from N'dola, N.R. to N'kana, N.R. on the 10th of April, 1952. They opened up N'kana to proselyting activity.

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Appointments . . .

Elder William H. Allen was appointed Supervising Elder of the Natal District and Branch President of the Durban Branch on the 1st April, 1952.

Lionel Bibb was appointed Branch President of the Pretoria Branch on the 6th of April, 1952.

Elder Monroe G. McKay was appointed Supervising Elder of the Transvaal District on the 15th of April, 1952.

Elder Quinton T. Palmer was assigned to labour in the Genealogical Office with Elder Gordon D. Cooper.

Will Your House be Left Desolate ?

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of God in these latter-days has been that of repentance. Continually they plead for more humility, love, faithfulness, diligence in service, obedience and more righteousness. We have been exhorted to live the truths of the gospel as they have been revealed to us. If we live untruths and continue to live untruths we will be deprived of many blessings.

If we wish to be the recipients of the blessings of the spirit we must tune in. God is the designer and the architect of this earth. It is therefore orderly. Any discord is because of man. If the "Good Book" does not appeal to us, inspired music is not enjoyable, friendly company is not congenial, then we are not in tune.

In the spiritual realms we must be in tune with truth to find it. By placing ourselves within the reach of the unseen spiritual realms we can be enlightened, guided and protected all the days of our lives. Truth may be our constant companion.

If we choose, we can be guided by God. If we love Him, we will keep His commandments. If we will keep His commandments, "Our house will not be left desolate."

Let us remember the words of the Lord to Jeremiah. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."[3]

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[1] Isaiah 53:3-6.

[2] Matt. 23:37-38.

[3] Jer. 29:13.

Statistics . . .

Baptisms

Doris Lucille Penicuik Cameron, was Baptized and Confirmed on the 29th of March, 1952 in the City of Durban by Elder Monroe Gunn McKay.

Margaret Anne Louise Cameron, the daughter of Robert and Doris Clerk Cameron was Baptized on the 29th of March, 1952 by Elder Monroe Gunn McKay and was Confirmed that same day by Elder Kenneth A. Sherman.

Barbara Queen Cameron, the daughter of Robert and Doris Clerk Cameron was Baptized on the 29th of March, 1952 by Elder Monroe Gunn McKay and Confirmed that same day by Elder Duane H. Burtenshaw.

Robert Bruce Gordon Cameron, the son of Robert and Doris Clerk Cameron was Baptized on the 29th of March, 1952 by Elder Monroe Gunn McKay and Confirmed that same day by Elder William H. Allen.

Leland Gail Doller, the son of Robert and Mary Vermaak Doller was Baptized on the 29th of March, 1952 by Elder Monroe Gunn McKay and Confirmed that same day by Elder Robert S. Thompson.

Bryan Kenneth Roberts, was Baptized on the 7th of April, 1952 in the City of East London by Elder Farr W. Hansen and was Confirmed that same day by Elder Jack E. Dahl.

Blessings

Robert Frederick Dyason, the son of George and Gertrude Vogel Dyason was blessed on the 17th of March by Elder Leo D. Miller.

Brenda Joy Smith, the daughter of Richard and Dorothy Villiers Smith was blessed on the 6th of April by Alvin F. Park in the Mowbray Branch.

Cynthia Beryl Wiblin, the daughter of Cecil and Mary Vermaak Wiblin was blessed in the Durban Branch on the 6th of April by Elder Monroe G. McKay.

Beryl Virginia Clark, the daughter of Sidney and Ivy Hansel Clark was blessed on the 6th of April, 1952 in the Ramah Branch by Elder George L. Albright.

Marriages

Hendrik Johannes Johnson, was married on the 12th April, 1952 to Susanna Catharina Jacobs in Springs, Tvl.

Sarah Ann Bates, was married on the 19th of April, 1952 to Baren Jacobus van Greuning in Springs, Tvl.

Deaths

Evalina Catherine Elizabeth Brown, passed away on the 6th April, in the city of Johannesburg.

Excommunications

Rosslyn (Jansonius) Winterburn, was excommunicated on the 7th of April, 1952 in Durban.

Alida Johanna (Goosen) Schmidt, was excommunicated on the 24th of March, 1952 in Port Elizabeth.

Francis Henry Rosslee, was excommunicated on the 24th of March, 1952 in Port Elizabeth.

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(D.C. 88:118)

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MOWBRAY BRANCH

Branch President: Brother Daniel A. Cherrett, 14 Serpentine, Pinelands.

Reported by Beatrice E. Smith

The M.I.A. group was treated to a wonderful discourse on India, her problems and how she is meeting them, when Pandit Rishiram addressed them on the 28th of March. The Pandit, who is touring and lecturing in South Africa, presented a vivid picture of conditions in his own country and was prepared to answer questions relating to similarities and differences between the administration of India and of South Africa. We have to thank him for a most interesting evening, and also to thank President Wright for giving us this unique opportunity of hearing the views of the Indian of to-day.

District Conference was held on Sunday, April 6th. It was a beautiful autumn day, and we were delighted to welcome so many of our members from the outlying branches. There were three sessions of this conference, all fairly well attended, and the speakers were many and varied. The morning session laid emphasis upon the youth of the Church. The afternoon session was devoted mainly to instruction of the Officers and Teachers of the District. The day grew better as it grew older, and we were given the treat of hearing both President and Sister Wright at the evening service. Brother John Wilson rendered the item "Prayer Perfect." It was a day of spiritual experience for all who were able to be present.

We were extremely glad to greet Sisters Amy Hyland and Margaret Park to the meetings, and to see how well they have recovered from their recent operations.

The festival is over, and we are gradually getting back to normal. Those who have worked in the Church stall are full of stories of their experience with visitors. It is too early yet to say what the effects of this venture have been, but we are sure that many of the enquiries have been from people who are desirous of reaching the truth in religion.

The Branch Officers' and Teachers' Meeting was held on the 7th. At this meeting, the Officers of the various auxiliaries were set apart for this year. There was a wonderful spirit among those present and we all felt that there was an extra special blessing attached to the bearing of an office in the work of the Lord, and that He would be ready to guide us in all the problems of another year of service. At the end of the business part of the meeting, the Teacher-Training programme was put into the hands of Brother Hugh Helm.

We are sorry to announce that Sister La Verne Park had to undergo an appendectomy. However she is much better now and we know that our Heavenly Father was watching over her.

Brother Theo Rayner has been sent to George on a training course. We have missed him at our meetings, but we feel sure that wherever Theo is on Sundays, his heart and thoughts are at "Cumorah."

Sister Hilda le Roux is another of our number who has been in the hospital for an operation. We are pleased to report that she is making satisfactory progress, and we hope to have her back with us soon.

Brother Ken Sutherland has been in Cape Town. He was busily employed at the Festival Fair engraving the golden teaset which was presented to the Governor-General. Other visitors to Cape Town were Bill Harvey, Sister Cecila Harvey and Pat.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Sister Jean Behrens, who has announced her engagement to Mr. Erik Birk. These two young folk have endeared themselves to all at "Cumorah," and we wish them all the happiness in the world.

Easter was celebrated with a special Sunday School programme. The musical items were provided by Sister Eleanor Helm at the piano and Brother Sam Rayner at the organ. A poem "The Tower" was read by Sister Beatrice Smith and Brother Dan

Cherrett spoke on the real meaning of the Easter Story. The evening service also was very inspiring. Brother Hugh Helm and Elder Jones were the speakers.

The Easter picnic, organized by the M.I.A., was held at Hermanus. The truck left "Cumorah" at the crack of dawn and carried a load of very excited young people to their destination. They just about exhausted the possible picnic-spots before getting to Hermanus. The day was spent in the usual sporting activities and a gang of rather tired but happy young folk returned to Mowbray as the evening shadows began to lengthen. The weather was exceedingly fine.

The Mutual meeting on the 15th was very well attended. The time was spent in playing competitive games. Sister Rene Hubert carried off the prize. Sister Jean Behrens supplied refreshments to celebrate her engagement.

We are missing President and Sister Wright, who left for a tour of the Mission on Easter Monday. We trust they may find this trip a very fruitful one.

The Relief Society is holding meetings at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday for those who cannot attend the regular Thursday evening ones. It is hoped that this will extend the sphere of activity and provide lessons for those who would otherwise be deprived of participation in the Relief Society's programme for the year. We wish Sister Williams and her helpers every success in this new venture.

We have to congratulate Brother Bobbie Smith on winning another gold medal for playing the bagpipes at the recent Highland Gathering at Port Elizabeth. He would be quite at "hame amang the heather" that blooms on the Scottish hills.

Many farewells have been said in the past few months, and the latest departure is that of Elder Albright who served for a long period as the Associate Editor of the C.S.M. May the Lord's blessings go with him as he returns to his home in Nevada.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

Branch President: Nicholas Goosen, "Zerin," Mayville Road, Bellville.

Reported by Dorathea Storey

President Wright and his family visited the Branch on the 30th of March to attend the Sunday School and Sacrament Meetings. We all thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

The members of the Bellville Branch attended District Conference held at Cumorah on the 6th of April.

The Jakins family have returned from their holiday down at the sea. We regret that they did not have a very enjoyable time because of the sickness of Brother Eric. We are pleased to report that he is much better now.

Sister Madge Halse has not been too well lately and we pray that she will recover soon.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Farr W. Hansen, 52 Frere Road, Vincent, East London, C.P.

Reported by Theodora Booysen

This has been a quiet month for East London due to the fact that many people were away for the holidays.

It gave us much pleasure to have Elder Hudson visit us last month. A mid-week conference was held while he was here and at the Officers' and Teachers' meeting he gave some valuable advice on how to teach.

Elder Dahl was welcomed to the Branch recently. We hope that he will enjoy his stay with us.

On the 8th of April, Brian Roberts was baptized by Elder Farr Hansen and confirmed the same day by Elder Jack Dahl.

DURBAN BRANCH

Branch President: Elder William H. Allen, 21 Bulwer Road, Durban, Natal.

Reported by Joyce Wahlburn

Although the Weather Man chose to send a cloud-burst on the night of our M.I.A. Braaivles, a happy evening spent indoors instead was had by all those who attended.

As the last rays of the setting sun lay across the Blue Lagoon on Saturday the 29th of March, 1952, Mrs. Doris Cameron and her three children, Margaret, Barbara and Robert, and Leland Doller, were baptized by Elder Monroe G. McKay. We welcome them into our midst and humbly pray that the Spirit of the Lord will dwell with these Saints and guide them in their future lives.

Conference time has come and gone once more, and left in its wake rich spiritual blessings. We were honoured to have had with us at this particular time, Elder Blaine Hudson of the Mission Presidency. At the afternoon session, the baby daughter of Sister M. Wiblin was blessed by Elder Monre G. McKay.

At our Easter Sacrament Service, the traditional theme was carried out in a very interesting programme arranged by the Branch Presidency.

It was a pleasure to have had with us this last month Elder Dutson who passed through on his way home.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT

District President: George C. Ganter, 132 Stanhope Road, Malvern East, Johannesburg.

RAMAH BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Garth V. Hall, 395 Commissioner Street, Fairview, Johannesburg.

Reported by Mary Millan Stark

A no more fitting place to recall the Resurrection of Jesus Christ could have been found here than Monument Hill, Kensington, where about 30 members of the Church gathered at sunrise on Easter Morning. The meeting was addressed by Elder Delos Ellsworth, who recalled most vividly the highlights of the Saviour's life and ministry.

The Sunday School presented a fitting and reverent programme on Easter Sunday. The speakers for the evening service were Elders George Albright and Dimar Hogan who gave farewell talks prior to their departure for home.

Congratulations to Brother Fred and Sister Norma Ninow, and Brother Geoffrey and Sister Hope Beswick who have both become the proud parents of baby daughters. The little girls have been named Charmaine and Beth respectively. The fathers are doing nicely, thank you.

Welcome visitors from Durban have been Joyce Wahlburn, Jean Marchand and Louis Duncan and we hope that their short stay was enjoyable.

Branch attendance has been poorer the last few weeks because of the absence of the Milne Family and Billy Wood who were on holiday, and Sister Moller and her children.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Sister Macadams on the death of her husband who died in the Kensington Sanatorium after a long illness.

On the 20th of April Hans Rohde was released from his duties as second counsellor in the Branch Presidency and Elder Delos Ellsworth was sustained in that office. Brother Hans is at present en route for Denmark on a business trip. On the same day Sister Macadams was released from the position of Primary Mother and Sister Thelma Ninow sustained therein. Primary is now being held on Saturday afternoons. Ivy May Clark, Margaret Kelly, Leonora Newell, Denise Osborne and Yvonne Matthews are the teachers. The change over to a Saturday was celebrated with a children's party.

Brother Edgar Seeman has been appointed District Clerk and we know that his association with the District Presidency will be beneficial.

The writer of this column wishes to make a humble apology to Sister Wood and her children, Billy, Norma and Eric and also Margaret Kelly as it was stated that they had come from Glasgow, Scotland, instead of from Edinburgh. Naturally anyone would be perturbed as there is a big difference between intellectual Edinburgh and industrialized Glasgow.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Branch President: H. Hugo, 51 Athlone Avenue, Stubenvale, Springs.

Reported by Mavis Louw

We are glad to see Sister Maggie Futter and Sister Olive Jubber well again and attending meetings and very sorry that Sister Campbell is ill again. We all pray for her speedy recovery.

Our congratulations to Brother J. Johnson on his marriage to Miss Jacobs of Sundra. Also to Sister Bates on her marriage to Mr. Van Greuning of Vereeniging. May the Lord bless them with happiness and prosperity.

At a swimming gala held at Daggafontein Mine Beverly Louw won a silver cup

for placing first in a race with eight competitors. Marlene Louw placed second in the girls diving competition. Ronnie Louw won the boys' Junior Tennis championship at Daggafontein Mine.

Brother Raymond Phillips enjoyed his trip to England as a member of the Springs High School Rugby Team and we're happy to have him back with us.

At the recent Van Riebeeck Festival held in Cape Town Brother Berties Phillips was a demonstrator for the Chamber of Mines. Brother Nelson van Niekerk and family have returned from an enjoyable holiday in Durban.

Brother Melvie Jakins and Sister Bossie visited at Springs over the Easter weekend. Brother Melvie was saying goodbye before leaving for Canada. We wish him luck in his new venture.

The Relief Society programme on Sunday was enjoyed by everybody. It was nice to have the Transvaal District Presidency with us again.

Another welcome visitor to our Branch was Elder Monroe McKay who has returned to the Transvaal as the Supervising Elder.

Thanks to Elders Delos Ellsworth and Garth Hall, Square Dancing has taken on like wildfire in Springs.

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Floyd E. Trimble, 164 Voortrekker Road, Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

Reported by Patricia Murphy

The Relief Society Sisters were busy this past month baking for two cake sales. One in aid of the Relief Society and the other for the benefit of the building fund.

We have started Square Dancing and although our steps are rather ungraceful and out of time we hope to achieve success soon. Our numbers are so few that it is difficult at times to have enough to make up a square.

Branch Conference was held on the 30th of March. President Blaine Hudson represented the Mission Presidency and while here gave us some useful information on teaching. A party was held in his honour at the home of Sister Mary Daubney.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

Branch President: Frederick J. Spear, 56 "Z" Avenue, Luanshya, N.R.

Reported by Jeanne Charsley

This month we are very pleased to welcome back Sister Nieuwenhuizen and family, who have been vacationing down South.

It seems that our Branch has been smitten with a spot of illness; as during the past month Brother Pete Nieuwenhuizen, Elder Don Bush and Brother Doug Charsley all spent about a week in the hospital. It is good to report that they are all recovering.

We all wish Elder Dimar Hogan "Bon Voyage." We learned to love him during his short stay with us.

"The Resurrection" was the theme of a very fine programme given by the Junior Sunday School on Easter Sunday. A vote of thanks goes to the officers and teacher who guided our splendid little workers.

It is with pleasure that we welcome Elder Owen to the far flung frontier of Mormonism in Southern Africa. Elder Owen and Elder Johnson are now labouring at N'kana where they are making many friends.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Bruce R. Peterson. 12 Walter Hill Avenue, Eastlea, Salisbury, S.R.

Reported by Bro. Hugh Hodgkiss

After a spell of quietness these past two months, Salisbury Branch once more sprang into activity with the Sunday School and Women's Relief Society in the lime light. Sister Mary Maxwell has been appointed Relief Society President with Sister Gladys King as First Counsellor and Sister Youriel Rickson as 2nd Counsellor. Sister Imelda Williams was appointed teacher of the Women's Relief Society. The first initial meeting of the Women's Relief Society was well attended by Branch Sisters and plans for a stall in aid of the building fund were discussed. It was

learned that Sister Smith who lives way out in Inyazura and is therefore unable to attend many activities of the Branch had already put her best foot forward and had quite a pile of articles made for the stall. We are sorry Sister Smith cannot be nearer to spur us all on to greater efforts.

Recently the Sunday School Superintendency arranged and had an all day picnic for the children (big and small!) A lorry was provided for the occasion and was loaded with enough food to feed a regiment. An ice box full of soft drinks and a crowd of laughing, happy kids moved off to a picnic spot just out of Salisbury. Much praise must go to Sisters Elaine and Ursula King for the preparation of the food and to Elder Holman for organizing and entertainment. Later in the afternoon the adults started arriving, and an impromptu concert arranged. The whole day was a great success, and it was a very weary but happy lorry load that trundled into town that Saturday evening.

We are very pleased to welcome Sister Imelda Williams from Cape Town who has arrived to work in Salisbury. Her presence in the Branch will be a great asset. It is hoped she will enjoy her stay in Rhodesia.

Square-dancing continues with unabated vigour with requests for the "team" to go to out-lying areas to lead at local clubs.

At the last dance a picnic was arranged by Elder Peterson, and last Saturday about twenty people under the care of the four Elders had a very good time and found that "we Mormons" are quite human after all. Much is being done through the medium of square dancing.

The Easter Programme arranged at Sunday School was a big success and the attendance was very heartening. Salisbury Branch is slowly growing. Before closing I would like to thank the tiny tots who acted a little scene in the Easter Programme for such short notice they enacted the finding of Moses in the Bullrushes very sweetly.

SERVICES HELD IN THE SOUTH AFRICA MISSION

Mowbray Branch,
Cor. Main and Grove Rds.
Mowbray, Cape.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 7.00

Bellville Branch,
"Zerin," Mayville Street,
Kingston Estate,
Bellville, C.P.
Sunday School 10.00
Sacrament Meeting 6.00

Epping Garden Sunday School,
19, Saldanha Road,
Epping Garden, C.P.
Sunday School 10.00

Port Elizabeth Branch,
Sons or England Hall,
Bingley Street,
Port Elizabeth, C.P.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 7.00

East London Branch,
Boy Scout Hall,
Fleet Street.
Sunday School 10.00
Sacrament Meeting 7.30

Durban Branch,
Scottish Masonic Temple,
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 7.00

Ramah Branch,
395, Commissioner Street,
Fairview, Johannesburg.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 7.30

Springs Branch,
Masonic Hall.
Sunday School 10.15
Sacrament Meeting 7.00

Northwestern Branch,
159 Kemp Ave.,
Waterfall Estate.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 5.00

Pretoria Branch,
Pretoria Ladies' Club,
Sanlam Building.
Sunday School 10.15
Sacrament Meeting 7.00

Krugersdorp Branch,
Boy Scout Hall,
Cor. Boshoff and
Von Brandis St.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 7.00

Bloemfontein Branch,
City Hall,
Bloemfontein.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 7.30

Luanshya Branch,
56 "Z" Avenue,
Northern Rhodesia.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 7.00

Vereeniging Branch,
Sons of England Hall,
Vereeniging, Tvl.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 7.30

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